Members have got one crore of rupees each, and wonder what the MPs are doing with that one crore of rupees. So, here is a question of respect and honour of the Member because people do not understand...(*Interruptions*) Just a minute. Please keep quiet. People do not understand these intricacies of the Planning Commission and the State Government and whatever it is. So, you have to make it very clear whether you are going to send the money or not going to send the money or you are going to abolish the scheme. So, as Mr. Sibtey Razi has mentioned, you please discuss it with the hon. Prime Minister and the Finance Minister and come back before we adjourn the House. Otherwise, this is going to create unpleasantness.

Re. Introduction and Passing Constitution Amendment Bill to include Tamil Nadu Reservation Act in Ninth Schedule of Constitution

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI (Tamil Nadu): Madam, as you are aware, we have decided in the Business Advisory Committee to introduce a Constitution Amendment Bill to include the Tamil Nadu Reservation Act in the Ninth Schedule of the Indian Constitution. However, the newspapers are giving reports in some other way that the Centre might not go ahead with the Bill as the matter is pending before the Supreme Court. But, Madam, there was a precedent contrary to this perception. Yesterday, Dr. Kalaignar, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu and President of the DMK party issued a press statement in which, *inter alia*, he said...

> "When the late Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi's appeal was pending in the Supreme Court against the verdict of the Allahabad High Court, the law was amended relating to the problem. It was all done for the sake of some individuals. But reservation was a live issue for crores of backward and most-backward people."

He also said:

> "The DMK would be left with no other option but to resume the stir as per the decision taken earlier by the parties fighting for social justice, if the Centre remained evasive on providing Constitutional protection for the Tamil Nadu Reservation Act."

I, Therefore, want a categorical assurance from the Leader of the House. He himself has assured that the Bill will be brought here on the 24th exactly, but now the newspapers are giving different stories.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): You were not in the House when it was given.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: They gave the assurance when we were boycotting the House. He gave the assurance on the condition that the Opposition comes to the House. We came back to the House and then he gave the assurance that it would be introduced, but it has not so far been introduced. Therefore, I want a categorical assurance from the Leader of the House that the Constitution Amendment Bill to include the Tamil Nadu Reservation Act in the Ninth Schedule will be introduced in this session itself. If you don't want to introduce it, please tell us. But don't take the people of Tamil Nadu for granted. The people cannot wait for an indefinite period. This is a life and death issue.... (*Interruptions*)....That is why our Kalaignar gave you the warning. It is not the opinion of an individual party but the collective opinion of all the parties, cutting across party lines. Therefore, I expect that the assurance that it will be introduced in this session itself would be fulfilled. Also it should be seen that it is passed without debating it. We will see that it is passed, if it is introduced. So I would like to have a categorical assurance from the Leader of the House. From the Opposition we have already expressed our views on this.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Okay, now will you please sit down?

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I don't think a warning has to be given to the Government.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No warning is given in the House.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Madam, we have great confidence in the words of the hon. Leader of the House. The Leader of the House himself has said in this House, when the hon. Member was away on his own volition, that the Bill will be introduced if the Opposition returns. Before Mr. Virumbi says that.... *(Interruptions)*...I already know that the Bill is going to come. The point is that the Leader of the House has already assured it, and the leaders of the other parties also know it. So, I am looking forward to the Bill being introduced. There is no doubt about it in my mind. But tomorrow no party should say....*(Interruptions)*....

SHRI S. VIDUTHALIA VIRUMBI: There are doubts in the minds of the people of Tamil Nadu.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: But tomorrow no party should say that because it warned the Government, the Government brought forth the Bill. Perhaps that may be the intention, and I don't think that that intention is correct. I would again say that the Leader of the House has already informed the leaders also about this, even before assuring this House, that he was prepared to do this. We have also met the Leader of the House privately.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALIA VIRUMBI: He has misconstrued my statement. I said, I think there will be an agitation if the constitution amendment bill is not introduced and passed in this session itself.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: You have said that the hon. Kalaignar has given a warning.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: You have not been able to follow what I have said. I stand by my word.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I think, the hon. Member need not have said it. You have said that the hon. Kalaignar is giving a warning to the Government... *(Interruptions)*...What I am worried is... *(Interruptions)*....Why should he warn? Don't threaten the Government. I don't think you should threaten the Government. The Government is willing to bring it. Don't say tomorrow, "I warned the Government and so the Government has done it." ...*(Interruptions)*....I fully agree that the Government is already prepared to bring it.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: The information given by the newspapers is different.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: In the newspapers contradictory information has been given. We have met the Leader of the House and he has assured us. We have also met the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister told us, we cannot jump the well half way. When the AI-ADMK MPs met the Prime Minister in a delegation, the Prime Minister said, we can't jump the well half way. The meaning is that the Tamil Nadu Reservation Act has to be automatically protected by placing it under the Ninth Schedule because this Bill has already been challenged in the court. It has been challenged in the Supreme Court. It has been challenged in the High Court. The Supreme Court has said that new admissions would have to go on for about 52 MBBS seats. So, that has been challenged. It is not only the Tamil Nadu Act which is under challenge but the assent of the President is also under challenge. The commitment has been made by the Tamil Nadu Government, and the Central Government, by way of assent, is also committed to it. We have to protect the prestige of the President also.

But some papers have given

contradictory reports. They have said that some Tamil Nadu Congress MPs went and met the hon. Prime Minister and that the Prime Minister was doubtful about this thing...(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Swaminathan, there are other speakers also.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: "*The Hindu*" says that the Prime Minister was thinking about it. That was a contradictory report. Only two or three papers are giving contradictory reports. Yesterday, another Tamil paper said, "No. It is coming. It has already been decided. It is coming."

So, I request the hon. Leader of the House to give an assurance. The Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has also issued a statement requesting the Prime Minister...(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please. I request you. If you interrupt, nothing will go on record...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Please allow me to speak. Why are you interrupting me? I never interrupted when you spoke.

So, I request the hon. Leader of the House to give an assurance in this House so that the doubt in the minds of the people, and in the mind of our leader and the Chief Minister, is removed.

One more thing is that we want an amendment to articles 15 and 16 to be brought so that reservation is protected fully because the papers have reported that even after the protection under the Ninth Schedule there might be a doubt and that the Supreme Court might intervene. That kind of doubt is also being raised. So, I request that an amendment to articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution should also be brought....(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No. When somebody has spoken from your party, I will not allow another, No, please, no.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: I would request the hon. Leader of the House to give an assurance to this House.

Thank you, Madam...(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I am not allowing you. That is enough.

SHRI VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is not going on record.

Mr. Virumbi will not go on record.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Madam, this issue relates to the poople of Tamil Nadu. Already, on the basis of the Supreme Court order no admission could take place in educational institutions. Employment opportunities were not available to the people. It is a big issue in the State. When the issue was raised by Members, the hon. Home Minister said, "When the Opposition comes, we will be considering bringing a Bill." Now this position has to be clarified because conflicting reports are coming in.

Madam, political parties in Tamil Nadu, I am very sorry to say, want to politicise this issue....(*Interruptions*).

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: No, no, no. Don't say "political parties." We do not want to publicise it. On behalf of the AIADMK, I protest....(*Interruptions*)

What does the Congress President say? The President of his own party, the Congress Party in Tamil Nadu, Mr. Ramamurty, says...(*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. If there is no politicisation of the situation, please sit down. Keep quiet and listen to the Home Minister.

Yes, Mr. Home Minister.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): Hon. Deputy Chairman, I stand by what I have stated on the floor of the House. In fact, there is no reason to disbelieve what I

*Not recorded.

[Shri S.B. Chavan]

stated the other day, that, in fact, Government is very much interested in bringing in a constitutional amendment and that we stand for the same. On the 20th I had gone on tour. This is a Constitution Amendment Bill. It will have to be moved by the Welfare Ministry. I have discussed the issue with them. I have also told them that a meeting of the Cabinet will be necessary.

Actually, amendment to articles 15 and 16 was not thought of then. We were only thinking of bringing about in the constitutional amendment to have this Act in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. That was a simple thing on which, I am sure, all the Members of the House will also agree with us. But, some kind of exercise has to be undergone. The respective parties will have to be consulted in the matter.

But, a day has been fixed by the BAC for this constitutional amendment. I do not think that we have crossed it. The day has been fixed, and on that day, I am sure, we will be able to bring about this kind of introduction.

Re. Demand to Check Insurgent Activities in the North-Eastern States

SYED SIBTEY RAZI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, I stand to draw the immediate attention of the Central Government to the resurgency of violence in the North-Eastern States, particularly in Nagaland and Manipur, after years of calm and peace. It was thought that after the earlier split of NSCN, National Socialist Council of Nagaland, in 1988, there would be eventually a decline in the insurgent activities, but the recent events have belied such optimism and hope. On Thursday, this 18th August, twentythree Assam Rifles Jawans were killed in an ambush by the insurgents. This was their biggest act this year in the Senapati District. It was felt that their secessionist violence had faded away, but from the recent occurrences it appears that the insurgents are armed to the teeth. I am afraid this action of the insurgents in which 23 Jawans of the Assam Rifles were killed is intended to demoralise the security forces of our country. Ironically on the basis of our past experience we find various organisations of insurgency are having some sort of coordination amongst themselves. They are united in organising training camps, arms purchases as well as of their intelligence agencies. This act of togetherness is there amongst them, but the State Governments which are prone to such insurgent activities have not developed any coordination amongst themselves so that this problem could be tackled efficiently. It is a known fact that the insurgents have bases in the neighbouring countries and they come particularly from Burma and Bangladesh. I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards this fact for an appropriate response and a clear policy to tackle this situation. It is a known fact that infiltrators come from the eastern part of the country, particularly from Bangladesh. Some time back there was a proposal to seal our borders with barbed wires, but it has not yet materialised. I would like to know if the Central Government would consider this proposal again so that so many other problems are reduced to the maximum extent. Many times it has come to our notice that many foreigners have come to settle in our country leading to social tensions and economic problems. If there is any lack of interest on the part of the Bangladesh Government, I would request our Foreign Affairs Ministry and the Central Government to take initiative and remove the impasse. I request the hon. Home Minister to look into the matter and see that this revival of insurgency in the North-Eastern States is nipped in the bud and relatively calm and peaceful days come back again.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Before I ask Mr. Ashok Mitra to make his Special Mention, I would like to say that we have a heavy business. I have many Special Mentions and Appropriation Bills. Then we have Comptroller and